

REMARKS

Claims 1-65 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-31, drawn to a method of filtering a polymer, classified in class 210, subclass 767;

Group II, claims 32-52, drawn to a method of preparing a solvent to be used for dissolving a polymer, classified in class 210, subclass 634;

Group III, claims 53-63, drawn to a method preparing a cellulose ester polymer film, classified in class 536, subclass 58; and

Group IV, claims 64 and 65, drawn to a method of analyzing hydrogen ion concentration, classified in class 436, subclass 144.

**For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-31.**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner, Registration No 32,181 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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- ☒ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☒ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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